

February 18, 1916.

Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D., Secretary,

156 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan.

My dear Dr. Wylie:-

This Board has within the past year established a new mission station at Thane, in Alaska, where new mining developments have taken place and a town is very rapidly developing, which has a considerable population at the present time. The Board has established the Rev. Mr. Buchanan there as its missionary.

The mining company owns all the property and will not sell an inch even for chapel and manse purposes. They will, however, give perpetual rights in the lot upon which a manse or chapel might be erected. It has been necessary for us thus far to establish Mr. Buchanan in renting quarters some miles from the new development, which, of course, is costing the Board both in rental and transportation.

Our missionary at Juneau, the Rev. John B. Stevens, now writes us that the Alaska Gold Mining Company (owning the mine and the property) has offered not only to place at our disposal a lot for the erection of the home of the missionary, but also to contribute the lumber for the construction of the house. They also propose to connect the house with the company's heating plant and thus save us fuel expenses to a considerable amount.

Now, the question is - Will the Board of Church Erection join this Board in meeting the other expenses for the erection of a manse - which is an absolute necessity under the circumstances - be-



Dr. Wylie.

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yond the cost of the lot and the lumber? Exact figures, of course, will be furnished a little later.

Thanking you for a word as to this, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

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February 25, 1916.



My dear Mr. Olin:-

Your letters of the 18th and 24th have been received. I wish I could promise definitely just what the Board would do in the matter. All I can say is to send in your application and I will present it to the Board in the best possible light.

With all good wishes,

Very cordially yours,

*David G. Wylie*

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In re Thane, Alaska.

February 28th, 1916.

Rev. J. H. Condit, D.D.,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

Some days ago we received, from Mr. Stevens of Juneau, a very jubilant letter setting forth the liberal attitude of the Mining Company, offering to furnish the lot and the lumber for the home for the missionary at Thane, and probably also to connect his house with their general heating plant. I at once took the question up with the Board of Church Erection, to get their consent to share with us the necessary expenditures in addition to lumber and lot, for the erection of the manse. It will be necessary, however, for us to know a little more accurately what those expenditures will amount to, so that we may apply for the specific amount from the Board of Church Erection.

Now that you are back in Juneau, will you and Mr. Stevens and Mr. Buchanan go over the situation, see just exactly what the Boards will require to furnish, and let me know at the earliest date possible. We will then be in shape to make definite application to the Board of Church Erection.

Cordially yours,

Treasurer.